

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 69 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Montana and Arizona.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Florida. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana and Texas (FEMA Region VI). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, GA continues to house and in-brief resources prior to assignment.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at [http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource\\_Map.pdf](http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf).

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Jackson, MS and Baton Rouge, LA are staffed.

Six Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Morcom, Goheen, Stewart, Floyd, Carlson and LaFave) are assigned.

Morcom: managing base camps at Gulfport and Vancleave, MS. Preparation to demobilize Vancleave Camp is in progress.

Goheen: managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

Stewart: is assessing timber damage and assisting with wildfire suppression at Hammond, LA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

Floyd: managing a receiving and distribution center at Barskdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, LA.

Carlson: managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter and supporting several satellite camps in southern Louisiana.

LaFave: managing receiving and distribution sites in Hancock County from a Stennis Space Center, MS.

HURRICANE WILMA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center is currently staffed in Atlanta, GA. An Emergency Operations Center is staffed in Tallahassee, FL.

Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley and Gelobter) are assigned. A third Type 1 Team (Wilcock) has been ordered.

Gelobter: initiated command for an operational staging area at Jacksonville, FL, to begin receiving and distributing supplies to southern Florida.

Pincha-Tulley: will be assigned to Homestead, FL, to establish and manage a base camp and receiving and distribution center.

RICE, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 25 miles northwest of Houston, TX, in pine and hardwood forest. Crowning and torching were reported. Dense undergrowth, low relative humidity and high winds are hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RICE	TX	TXS	240	90	UNK	20	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

ELK MOUNTAIN, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands. This fire is two miles east of Mountain Green, UT, in oak brush. Steep terrain and difficult access are hindering containment efforts. Moderate fire spread was reported. No further information was received.

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ELK MOUNTAIN	UT	NWS	700	50	10/25	37	2	4	0	0	20K	ST

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Dry conditions persist along most of the Gulf Coast region. An upper level low pressure system will approach the Pacific Northwest coast. Another weather system will move across southern California and the Southwest with showers and isolated thunderstorms.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds, fog, and some drizzle or light showers west of the coastal mountains of southern California. Elsewhere, partly cloudy in the morning, mostly sunny in the afternoon.	58 to 68 mountains. 62 to 72 valleys. 70s upper deserts. 80s lower deserts.	40 to 60%.	West to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits ("trigger points") ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/Time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	2				5	1	8
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					3		3
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	6	7
	ACRES					700	0	700
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						3	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		43	1	45
	ACRES			10		567	200	777
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	0	54	12	69
	ACRES	0	0	10	0	1,270	203	1,483

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,880	1,633,875	3,409	849,051	337	4,404,556
Northwest	FIRES	176	237	29	38	1,390	907	2,777
	ACRES	28,097	43,134	5,797	122	73,875	99,908	250,933
Northern California	FIRES	170	31	12	15	2,180	508	2,916
	ACRES	252	24,898	45	101	26,989	8,334	60,619
Southern California	FIRES	126	119	13	55	2,660	683	3,656
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	48,397	10,175	140,180
Northern Rockies	FIRES	496	62	33	12	652	664	1,919
	ACRES	20,362	8,800	9,798	25	38,246	51,734	128,965
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	720	8	36	712	605	2,134
	ACRES	23,199	637,106	8	2,681	150,177	105,841	919,012
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	513	19	26	112	115	794
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIRES	1,554	361	41	53	1,321	1,515	4,845
	ACRES	34,713	159,215	35,642	365	130,453	423,459	783,847
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	284	489	31	27	620	533	1,984
	ACRES	6,879	9,830	553	30	31,917	24,633	73,842
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		66	54	10,486	572	11,773
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,626	9,987	88,484
Southern Area	FIRES	214		182	37	21,895	569	22,897
	ACRES	26,885		42,114	2,474	280,180	14,735	366,388
TOTAL	FIRES	3,681	2,628	493	369	42,432	6,699	56,302
	ACRES	151,857	3,690,102	1,743,074	84,650	1,812,034	767,213	8,248,930

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	71,733
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	4,625,330

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0				7	7
	ACRES		140				879	1,019
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				548		1,176	1,724
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						177	177
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						85	85
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	0	2
	ACRES		50			1,500	2	1,552
Eastern Area	FIRES			2			3	5
	ACRES			52			37	89
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				200			200
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	2	1	19	25
	ACRES	0	190	52	748	1,500	2,361	4,851

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	20	125	87	3	1	339	575
	ACRES	7,286	30,812	4,883	265	1	39,984	83,231
Northern California	FIRES	12	25	145	43		252	477
	ACRES	188	1,372	26,044	8,870		26,698	63,172
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	7	19	9	85	127
	ACRES	1,000	402	604	5,373	87	7,837	15,303
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	36	108	6	36	351	546
	ACRES	495	4,931	24,014	192	3,498	39,943	73,073
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	38	6	9	19	85	158
	ACRES	1	19,998	1,460	63	1,744	23,351	46,617
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12	1	357	427
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	90,305	169,964
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	53	102	20	33	133	371
	ACRES	3,871	23,283	20,400	12,451	5,437	37,719	103,161
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		499	36	1,131	196	1,906
	ACRES	17,741		68,824	4,423	70,710	40,413	202,111
Southern Area	FIRES	34		161	59	406	1,125	1,785
	ACRES	7,180		85,022	55,068	271,531	902,067	1,320,868
TOTAL	FIRES	159	344	1,128	210	1,640	2,925	6,406
	ACRES	44,104	139,326	237,922	104,750	353,934	1,211,220	2,091,256

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		5	8
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIRES				14		18	32
	ACRES				9,056		2,355	11,411
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		102	108
	ACRES				166		85,156	85,322
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,321	118,362
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	78	2	68	3	274	426
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,327	496,413

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>1,728,058</b>

\*\*\*Weekly updates will be provided starting 9/7/05.\*\*\*

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		14		1					
Northern California	6		14							
Southern California	3		2		1					
Northern Rockies									5	
Eastern Great Basin		2	4	4					13	2
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain				1					6	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			3	4	3	1			16	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>

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